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REMARKS

This Amendment is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006.

In the August 4, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-38. Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 20, 24, 31, and 35. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, the specification at paragraph 47 recites that a relationship type for each related concept may be provided by a user. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-38 will be pending. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants believe that the rejections should be withdrawn and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

I. Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification by replacing paragraphs 23 and 50 with replacement paragraphs. The specification has been amended to address the Examiner's objection to the drawings that labels 114 and 506 were included in figures 1 and 5, respectively, but no corresponding reference to those labels was made within the specification. Applicant has amended paragraphs 23 and 50 of the specification to reference labels 114 and 506. In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,101,515 ("Wical"). To anticipate a

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claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), a reference must disclose each and every element of the claimed invention. *See* M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Wical does not disclose each and every element of claim 1. For example, Wical does not disclose “receiving a relationship type associated with the at least one relationship” as recited in amended claim 1. Wical discloses a hierarchical categorization scheme for terms in a document. However, Wical does not disclose that relationship types may be received that are associated with the relationship between concepts. Thus, Wical does not anticipate claim 1.

Similar to claim 1, amended independent claims 12, 20, and 31 each recite “receiving a relationship type associated with the at least one relationship.” For at least the same reason that Wical does not anticipate claim 1, Wical does not anticipate claims 12, 20, and 31. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 12, 20, and 31.


Because claims 2-11, 13-19, 21-30, and 32-38 depend from claims 1, 12, 20, and 31 respectively, each of claims 2-11, 13-19, 21-30, and 32-38 is patentable over Wical for at least the same reasons. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 2-11, 13-19, 21-30, and 32-38.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action of August 4, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an amendment, please call 404 815 6061.

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